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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON MOVEMENT OF
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM SAIGON TO GUAM AND U.S.

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ASKED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DATA ON MOVEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM SAIGON TO GUAM AND U.S. IN APRIL AND MAY, IN PARTICULAR. MORE SPECIFICALLY, DFA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW APPROXIMATELY DATE WHEN REFUGEES STARTED MOVING FROM SAIGON BY AIR AND SEA TO SUBIC BAY, CLARK FIELD, AND GUAM, TOTAL NUMBERS OF REFUGEES MOVED IN EVACUATION, AND APPROXIMATELY WHERE REFUGEES MOVED TO. PURPOSE OF INFO IS LETTER IN REPLY TO WRITTEN QUERY FROM MEMBER OF AUSTRALIAN SENATE, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. EMBASSY HAS ONLY GENERAL INFO ON DATES AND DIRECTION OF REFUGEE FLOW. WE HAVE AN INCOMPLETE SERIES OF SITREPS FROM GUAM BUT DO NOT HAVE OVERALL TOTALS WHICH, PRESUMABLY, ARE AVAILABLE TO IATF IN DEPT.
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